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Rec'd: October 17, 1959
11:23 a.m.

FROM: Khorramshahr

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 15, October 16, 7 p.m. *GG/N*

PRIORITY

SENT DEPARTMENT 15, REPEATED INFORMATION PRIORITY TEHRAN 92,
BAGHDAD PRIORITY 10, BASRA PRIORITY 10, LONDON PRIORITY 3Re Tehran's 98 to Khorramshahr repeated Baghdad 38, Basra 4,
Department 772:

Telecon referred to in reference telegram relayed to Embassy telecon between Cullom PANAM Khosrowabad and official Basra port authority stationed Iraqi pilot vessel opposite Abadan. Call initiated by Iraqi. In addition demanding PANAM ship master attend court inquiry, Iraqi informed Cullom PANAM ship must remain Khosrowabad berth until permission move ship obtained from Basra or 24 hours advance notice given Basra. Failure comply this instruction would result Iraqi military action impound ship.

Cullom has not consulted Iranians and has had no further contact with Iraqis. In reply request Khorramshahr Governor last night I keep him informed in view Iraqi consul's protest (CONTEL 83 to Tehran repeated Department 3) I discussed in general terms new directive Khorramshahr port director. I did not mention instructions to Iranian Navy and Governor apparently unaware of them. Admiral commanding naval base here had had told me night before he had not and did not plan inform Governor.

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